

REMARKS

Pursuant to Rule 1.312 and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the foregoing amendment.

The Office issued a Notice of Allowability on January 25, 2007, allowing claims 1 and 37-64 (renumbered as Claims 1-29). Payment of the Issue Fee is due on April 25, 2007. Applicants thank the Office for the allowance.

Applicants are seeking amendment to claim 37 (renumbered as Claim 2), as shown in the Listing of Claims. Applicants are submitting this amendment prior to the due date for paying the Issue Fee. Applicants are seeking amendment to claim 37 to more accurately claim the invention. Without entry of the amendment to Claim 37 to delete the language “comprising the continuous plural images” from the limitation “a generating unit adapted to cut out the area determined by the area determination unit from each of the continuous plural images, and to generate a range of continuous images comprising the continuous plural images,” Claim 37 could be interpreted to mean that the generated range of continuous images is all of the continuous images which would essentially make this claim limitation meaningless.

Applicants submit that the amendment does not affect the scope of the claims. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no additional search/examination will be required. Further, Applicants submit that amended claim 37 is patentable based on the same reasons in allowing all the claims and is fully supported by the specification and drawings.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendment and the remarks. The Examiner can call the Applicants' representative at the number below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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